

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. **(Currently Amended)** A method for encoding an XML-based document including contents according to an XML schema language definition, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a coded binary representation of the document by assigning binary structure codes to the contents of the document via code tables, wherein an element of a complex data type with a mixed content model comprises a parent node having a binary structure code and in a first hierarchical plane below said parent node a plurality of element nodes having binary structure codes, and wherein within said complex data type in the first hierarchical plane textual content is encoded as an element having an associated binary structure code

~~assigning a structure code to textual content of the element of the complex data type with a mixed content model as an element node in the first hierarchical plane.~~

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the assignment of the structure codes to the textual contents of a complex type data type with mixed content model is effected exclusively via OperandTBC coding tables.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the textual contents of a complex type data type with the mixed content model are further assigned position codes.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein single element position codes and/or multiple element position codes are used in the assignment of the position codes.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the position codes are encoded using codes of variable length.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the position codes are encoded using the a code vluimsbf5.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A method for decoding a coded binary representation of an XML-based document, comprising:

receiving a coded binary representation of the document by assigning binary structure codes to the contents of the document via code tables, wherein an element of a complex data type with a mixed content model comprises a parent node having a binary structure code and in a first hierarchical plane below said parent node a plurality of element nodes having binary structure codes;

assigning a structure code to textual content of the element of the complex data type with a mixed content model as an element node in the first hierarchical plane; and

~~converting encoding the assigned structure codes into the the~~ textual contents as an element of the complex data type within the first hierarchical plane of the XML-based document that were assigned to the structure codes.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the assignment is effected by means of structure codes (SBC) via OperandTBC coding tables.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein binary representations of textual contents of a "complex type" data type with the "mixed" content model, addressed by means of "position codes", are further converted into textual contents at the assigned position.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the "position codes" comprise "single element position codes" (SPC) and/or "multiple element position codes" (MPC).

27. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the "position codes" are encoded using codes of variable length.

28. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the "position codes" are encoded using a code vluidsbf5.

29. **(Currently Amended)** A device for encoding XML-based documents including contents according to an XML schema language definition, comprising:

means for generating a coded binary representation of the document by assigning binary structure codes to the contents of the document via code tables, wherein an element of a complex data type with a mixed content model comprises a parent node having a binary structure code and in a first hierarchical plane below said parent node a plurality of element nodes having binary structure codes;

means for assigning a structure code to textual content of the element of the complex data type with a mixed content model as an element node in the first hierarchical plane;

means for encoding the textual content as an element of the complex data type within the first hierarchical plane.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A device for decoding XML-based documents including contents according to an XML schema language definition, comprising:

means for generating a coded binary representation of the document by assigning binary structure codes to the contents of the document via code tables, wherein an element of a complex data type with a mixed content model comprises a parent node having a binary structure code and in a first hierarchical plane below said parent node a plurality of element nodes having binary structure codes;

means for assigning a structure code to textual content of the element of the complex data type with a mixed content model as an element node in the first hierarchical plane;

means for encoding the textual content as an element of the complex data type within the first hierarchical plane; and

means for converting the assigned structure codes into the textual contents of the XML-based document that were assigned to the structure codes.